

## CHAPTER XIII

### POPULATION

More important than any physical or material resource are the people of a state. This truth applies with full force to Utah. Drawn from the hardest states of America and Europe, the population of Utah possesses unusual physical, intellectual, and moral vigor. In 1847, when the pioneers reached Salt Lake Valley, this whole western region was unpeopled save by Indians and a few trappers. Today the state has over a half million population with virtually all the arable land under cultivation. This remarkable transformation in the short space of eighty-five years is the result of the application of the brain, the brawn, and the spirit of a dauntless people.

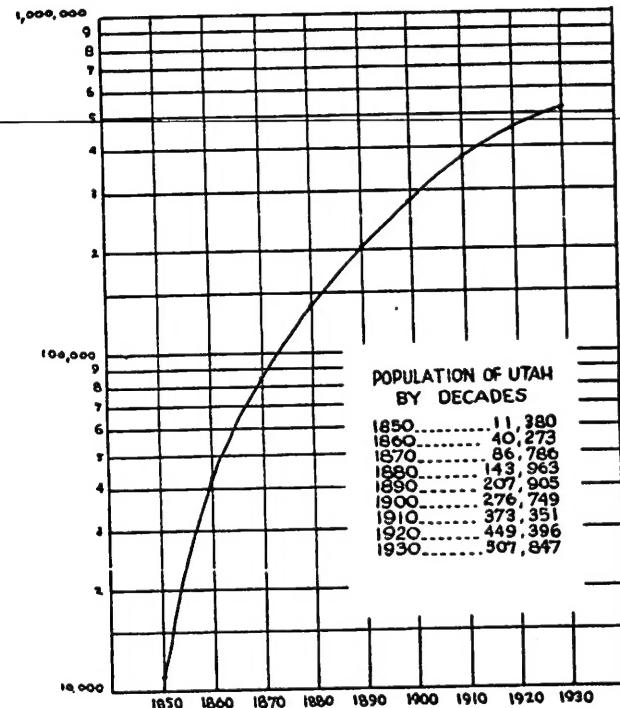


FIGURE 68—Graph showing the numerical trend of Utah's population since 1850. Note that the rate of increase is getting less as indicated by the flattening of the line at the top.

**Numerical trend.** One of the most important factors in the life of a commonwealth is that of change in the size of the population. Usually an increasing population is characterized by a hopeful, optimistic outlook, while a decreasing population is likely to be considered fatalistic. Utah's population has shown a healthy and encouraging increase from the beginning. The census of 1850, three years after the arrival of the pioneers, showed 11,380 people, most of the increase being the result of immigration.

During the decade 1850 to 1860 the population increased nearly four times or to a total of 40,273. It more than doubled again by 1870, aggregating in that year 86,786.

From 1847 until 1870 the yearly increase was nearly 4,000—mostly the result of immigration. For the ten-year period after 1870, the increase per year was 6,000, making a total of 143,963, a gain of 60,000 in the decade. From 1880 to 1890, the yearly increase was 6,500, and from 1890 to 1900

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                       |                                 | 1930       |                 | 1920    | 1910    | 1900    | 1890                 | 1920 to 1930         | 1910 to 1920 |
|                       |                                 | Total      | Per square mile |         |         |         |                      |                      |              |
| State <sup>1</sup>    | 82,184                          | 507,847    | 6.2             | 449,396 | 373,351 | 276,749 | 210,779 <sup>2</sup> | 13.0                 | 20.4         |
| Beaver                | 2,660                           | 5,186      | 1.9             | 5,139   | 4,717   | 8,613   | 8,840                | -0.1                 | 8.9          |
| Box Elder             | 5,444                           | 17,810     | 3.9             | 18,788  | 13,894  | 10,009  | 7,642                | -5.2                 | 35.2         |
| Cache                 | 1,164                           | 27,424     | 23.6            | 26,992  | 23,062  | 18,189  | 15,509               | 1.6                  | 17.0         |
| Carbon <sup>3</sup>   | 1,487                           | 17,798     | 12.0            | 15,489  | 8,624   | 6,004   | —                    | 14.9                 | 79.6         |
| Daggett <sup>4</sup>  | 850                             | 411        | 0.5             | 400     | —       | —       | —                    | 2.8                  | —            |
| Davis                 | 275                             | 14,021     | 51.0            | 11,450  | 10,191  | 7,996   | 6,751                | 22.5                 | 12.4         |
| Duchesne <sup>5</sup> | 3,266                           | 8,263      | 2.5             | 9,093   | —       | —       | —                    | -9.1                 | —            |
| Emery <sup>6</sup>    | 4,458                           | 7,042      | 1.6             | 7,411   | 6,750   | 4,657   | 5,076                | -5.0                 | 9.8          |
| Garfield <sup>7</sup> | 5,234                           | 4,632      | 0.9             | 4,763   | 3,860   | 3,400   | 2,457                | -2.6                 | 30.8         |
| Grand <sup>8</sup>    | 3,692                           | 1,818      | 0.5             | 1,808   | 1,595   | 1,149   | 541                  | 0.8                  | 15.4         |
| Iron                  | 3,256                           | 7,227      | 2.2             | 5,787   | 3,933   | 3,546   | 2,683                | 24.9                 | 47.1         |
| Juab                  | 3,401                           | 8,605      | 2.5             | 9,871   | 10,702  | 10,082  | 5,582                | -12.8                | -7.8         |
| Kane <sup>9</sup>     | 4,215                           | 2,235      | 0.5             | 2,054   | 1,652   | 1,811   | 1,685                | 8.8                  | 24.3         |
| Millard               | 6,661                           | 9,945      | 1.5             | 9,659   | 6,118   | 5,678   | 4,083                | 3.0                  | 57.9         |
| Morgan                | 626                             | 2,536      | 4.1             | 2,542   | 2,467   | 2,045   | 1,780                | -0.2                 | 3.0          |
| Piute <sup>10</sup>   | 763                             | 1,956      | 2.6             | 2,770   | 1,734   | 1,954   | 2,842                | -29.4                | 59.7         |
| Rich <sup>11</sup>    | 1,031                           | 1,873      | 1.8             | 1,890   | 1,888   | 1,946   | 1,527                | -0.9                 | 0.4          |
| Salt Lake             | 756                             | 194,102    | 256.7           | 159,282 | 131,426 | 77,725  | 58,457               | 21.9                 | 21.2         |
| San Juan              | 7,761                           | 3,496      | 0.5             | 3,879   | 2,977   | 1,028   | 865                  | 3.5                  | 42.2         |
| Sanpete <sup>12</sup> | 1,616                           | 16,022     | 9.9             | 17,606  | 16,704  | 16,318  | 18,146               | -8.5                 | 4.8          |
| Sevier <sup>13</sup>  | 1,978                           | 11,199     | 5.7             | 11,281  | 9,775   | 8,451   | 6,199                | -0.7                 | 15.4         |
| Summit <sup>14</sup>  | 1,870                           | 9,527      | 5.1             | 7,863   | 8,200   | 9,439   | 7,738                | 21.2                 | -4.1         |
| Tooele                | 6,849                           | 9,418      | 1.4             | 7,965   | 7,924   | 7,361   | 8,700                | 18.2                 | 0.5          |
| Uintah <sup>15</sup>  | 4,294                           | 9,036      | 2.1             | 8,470   | 7,050   | 6,458   | 2,762                | 6.7                  | 20.1         |
| Utah <sup>16</sup>    | 2,034                           | 49,021     | 24.1            | 40,792  | 37,942  | 32,456  | 23,768               | 20.2                 | 7.5          |
| Wasatch <sup>17</sup> | 1,167                           | 5,636      | 4.8             | 4,625   | 8,920   | 4,736   | 3,595                | 21.9                 | -48.2        |
| Washington            | 2,465                           | 7,420      | 3.0             | 6,764   | 5,123   | 4,612   | 4,009                | 9.7                  | 32.0         |
| Wayne <sup>18</sup>   | 2,475                           | 2,067      | 0.8             | 2,097   | 1,749   | 1,907   | —                    | -1.4                 | 19.9         |
| Weber                 | 541                             | 52,172     | 96.4            | 43,463  | 35,170  | 25,239  | 22,723               | 20.0                 | 23.6         |

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